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Merry Christmas!

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Standardized Field Sobriety Testing

By Recruit Kaufenberg

On the first week of Phase Three, the recruits learned about the intricate aspects of Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST). The week consisted of classroom presentations and practical experience. After learning about the legal aspects of Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated (OMVWI), the recruits began to dig into the reasons why alcohol is such a problem when it comes to drinking and driving. They then learned and practiced the three different standardized tests.

The Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test was the first test that the recruits learned. Nystagmus means involuntary jerking of the eye.



The recruits were taught to look for lack of smooth pursuit, distinct nystagmus at maximum deviation, and onset of nystagmus prior to forty-



five degrees. A maximum of six clues can be detected through this test, three in each eye. If four or more clues are present, this test is seventy-seven percent accurate in detecting an impaired driver.

The next two tests were the Walk & Turn and the One-Leg Stand. These tests deter-

mine if the subject can accurately perform two activities at the same time. With the right amount of clues present, the Walk & Turn test is sixty-eight percent accurate while the One-Leg Stand test is sixty-five percent accurate. All of these tests help to determine if the subject is impaired.

After some of the recruits volunteered to become impaired, the others were able to practice performing the tests on them. Throughout the whole week, the recruits perfected their skills in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing. The recruits are now prepared to recognize impaired drivers and get them off the streets.



Drugs That Impair Driving

By Recruit Dillhoff

On Friday, the class received instruction on drugs that impair driving. Joe Keil and Todd Cummings of the Manitowoc County Sheriff Department taught the class. The instructors are also Drug Recognition Experts, so they brought a wealth of knowledge and a passion for the topic to the class.

The goal of the instruction was to help the recruit class identify and apprehend individuals who are impaired by drugs. To achieve this

goal, the recruits were taught to recognize impairment associated with drug use, define “drugs” as they relate to highway safety, identify the seven drug categories, and recognize the major observable indicators of each category.

The instructors brought a significant amount of drug paraphernalia from each of the seven drug categories. The instructors went over each category, the methods of ingestion, and the effects each drug has on the user. The class was also shown

several videos with examples of people under the influence of several of the different drugs.

The presentation was excellent and the recruits thoroughly enjoyed the class. The recruits were able to take away much useful information that they will be able to apply while on patrol at their respective agencies. The recruits will soon have the chance to take citizens impaired by drugs off the road, and the drugs they use off the street.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

We wish to extend our thanks to all who have supported us through our first fifteen weeks at the academy. It has been a learning experience like no other and we look forward to moving in to the new year with a fresh outlook.

As we look back at all that we have accomplished, we know that we would not have been able to do it without your support. We hope that everyone has a very, merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

